



EVALUATION ><> COMMENTS

Great Lakes Fishery Leadership Institute MI, NY, OH and PA Sea Grant Lake Erie Workshop - October 3-4, 2003 Stull Nature Center - Erie, PA

What could we do to improve this workshop?

- Maybe more on fish advisories.
- A little more opportunity for mingling – perhaps in the evening of the first night and maybe a longer lunch break.
- A contact list of workshop participants and speakers for all attendees.
- A few more speakers.
- Add an extra day to work in more time for participants to interact.
- More open discussion time.
- Add a session in each state/Ontario or Basin or invite participants to each regional workshop to have exposure to all of the areas and respective issues (i.e. “deep water” vs. “shallow water”).
- Invite land managers, city, county, zoning, and planning.
- Invite state fisheries managers to explain how TAC and harvest data are used to determine creel limits (size & number).
- More emphasis on cooperation between state and CA agencies.
- Need state DOH representative to explain how fish consumption advisories are developed, what they really mean, and how they compare basin-wide and nation-wide.
- More about fish population trends and fishing technique (not research technique).
- More on impacts of land-use trends impacts on lakes.
- Listing and outline of agencies with contacts.
- Photo copies of Power Point presentations with time of presentation.
- Have breaks between long talks. Tendency is to not be able to keep people’s focus for long periods of time.
- Market better to emerging rather than current environmentalists.
- I think it was very well run. Thanks.
- Maybe more field work.
- Not much. Well presented information.
- Good hands-on activities.
- Generate e-mail list of participants.
- Real food for breakfast.
- Bagels with breakfast.
- More opportunities for breaks, chance to stand up, move around and make new contacts.
- Improve data sources and update.
- Need more effort in decision analysis of all agency’s conclusions.
- Mention of dead zone.
- Ask certain groups for their ideas to help certain species.

What could we do to improve the reference materials you received?

- Separate bibliography.
- Nothing. You've assembled a remarkably broad and deep collection.
- Add the OSU Ext./Sea Grant "Lake Erie Fish Cookbook".
- More "handy reference" size booklets, charts, etc. that people can keep in boat/tackle box.
- Another disk with all presentations would be helpful.
- A sample letter for congressmen on ballast water issues would have been great.
- Provide Power Point handouts of presentations given.
- They were good.
- The material is extensive and sufficient.
- Ok as is or on CD.
- All speakers should have printed handouts.
- All Power Point on CD.
- I haven't read them yet but they seem excellent.
- Provide on CD-ROM or DVD-ROM with rights to copy and use for educational purposes.
- Review for accuracy. Was total ecosystem approach utilized? Lack of interspeci predation data.
- Update information.

What was the least useful part of this workshop?

- Dinner.
- For me, specifics about charter operations, fisheries management as that's not the focus of my reporting.
- Electrofishing but only because I've done it before.
- Charter fishing cost assessment.
- Extreme reliance on GL fishing from boat. What opportunities exist for people fishing GL without a boat?
- Very high quality – tough to say. Need to market program better though to recruit younger participants.
- All parts were very useful except the charter information.
- Reading the slides. Need more graphics to enhance text.
- Hatch up – dates/projections.
- All good.
- Breakfast.
- Need more of the science about the current health of Lake Erie, like the dead zone, botulism, etc.
- Lamprey ell.
- Too much time spent on Lamprey study.

What was the most useful part of this workshop?

- Hands on boat tours.
- Trip on bax and lectures.
- The new, direct contacts with possible sources for future reports.
- Getting a "deep water" perspective of the east end of Lake Erie.
- Networking.
- Learning the difference between historical fishery and current/future fishery.
- Government agency cooperation.
- The tours were very informative.

- Probably the keynote speaker's presentations were the most useful.
- Hands-on and experiential portion.
- Thank you for the opportunity. The conference at Stone Lab and this one compliment each other nicely. Great to have exposure to west and east basins.
- All.
- Tough to say. Nice balance of presentation and experiential learning.
- Field trips.
- Hands on experience on the boats.
- Political explanation by Dick Smith.
- The boat experience was excellent.
- Electroshocking.
- Going out on the research vessel.
- Experiences on the bay.
- All of it!
- Field experiences.
- Lamprey discussions.
- Covered a wide range of aspects of the lake.
- You're generally on the right track but you have a lot of work to do to make this project effective in the future.
- Networking.
- GLF coordination.

Other comments:

- The quality of the information was excellent. Missed the Canadians, though.
 - Could you do a 3-weekend conference to compare west, central, and east basins? Focusing on research and experience on boats and in labs.

NOTE: Our speaker from Ontario Canada did not participate in the workshop due to a sudden illness. He would have presented much more information on the Lake Erie Canadian Commercial Fishery.

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